



Remember to Vote!

With the current Neighborhood Board's entering the end of their 2017-2019 term, it is time to select the next Boards for the 2019-2021 term!

If you reside in a Board area with a contested race you will receive a unique voter passcode in the mail. From Friday, April 26, 2019 to Friday, May 17, 2019, you can go online to www2.honolulu.gov/nbe and use your code to vote for your future Board members. You can also vote at public libraries, Kapalama Hale, Kapolei Hale, and KEY Project.

Paper mail-in ballots are available upon request by calling 768-3710 or emailing NCO@honolulu.gov. Be sure to provide your residential address, voter PIN, and voter passcode. These paper ballots must be postmarked by Friday, May 17, 2019 and must be received by Friday, May 24, 2019.

If you want to check if your Board has a contested race, and learn more about your candidates, you can go online to <https://www2.honolulu.gov/nbe/candidateprofiles.php> to find all candidate profiles.



Message from the Executive Director



Aloha,

I would like to take this time to remind all our readers to vote for their future Board members during the 2019 Neighborhood Elections.

The Boards provide a unique resource to the communities of Oahu. One where residents can participate in the decision making processes of their local government and provide their feedback directly to those who represent them.

However, its only through the hard work of the Board members that meetings can be run efficiently and discussions be managed appropriately. Which is why its important for everyone to take the time to make their voice heard when selecting who will represent them at the grassroots level.

Shawn Hamamoto,
Executive Director

Meet the NCOs Newest Addition!



Meet Casey Ishitani, the newest Neighborhood Assistant to join the NCO!

Mr. Ishitani joined the NCO in March 2019. A proud Waianae High School graduate (Class of 2000), he furthered his education at the University of Hawaii Manoa where he majored in both Political Science and English in Fall 2007. Prior to joining the Neighborhood Commission Office, Casey worked in a number of fields including the service industry and journalism. He hopes to use his current experience to bring a better understanding of Hawaii's local government to its residents.

Casey will oversee the Waikiki, Makiki, Kahalu'u, Mililani Mauka, and North Shore Neighborhood Boards, and we know they'll be in good hands!

Working With Other Departments

The NCO worked with Director Hi-rokazu Toiya and Department of Emergency Management staff to share ideas on how to disseminate valuable disaster preparedness information and network with community volunteers.

Executive Director Hamamoto highlighted the NCO's most recent efforts which included radio and television interviews, informational booths at public events, presentations to other like-minded organizations, distributing flyers and posters, and social media.

Of all the different methods of out-emphasized the importance of physically getting out into the communities around the island as well as social media. This ensures that we are reaching all demographics and making our great system as inclusive as possible.



United States Census Bureau

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The United State Census Bureau has been working with the NCO to spread the word on the upcoming 2020 Census. Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census work. 95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail. Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provide the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs—impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. They also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. We encourage everyone to participate in the 2020 Census!

Happiness U with Alice Inoue

Alice Inoue is founder and Chief Happiness Officer of Happiness U. She aims to inspire personal empowerment through self-exploration, provides guidance for a deeper relationship with oneself, and a greater understanding of life's purpose and meaning. She is committed to helping people and organizations actualize their potential.

The NCO will be participating in a series of classes held by Alice to increase productivity, teamwork, and engagement while reducing negativity, drama, and stress. We look forward to learning from Alice to further improve our office.



Community Outreach

The NCO has made a tremendous effort to reach out to all 33 Neighborhood Board districts. Over the past several months, we have been all around the island, presenting to a journalism class at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and holding outreach booths at the Makiki Farmers Market, Honolulu Farmers Market, Walk on the Wild Side event in Chinatown, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Waianae Mall, and the Salt Lake Fun Fair. The NCO looks forward to seeing everyone in other communities soon.



NCO Bulletin

Upcoming Date Reminders:

April 26, 2019
Voting begins

May 17, 2019
Voting ends

June 2019
Results of elections
will be announced

June 2019
New Board
Inauguration

July 2019
New Board term
begins



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"Aloha! I was honored to serve on both the Kaimukī and Mānoa Neighborhood Boards, and have seen the positive role the boards can play in the community. They exemplify participatory democracy at its finest!"

-Mayor Kirk Caldwell
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